

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 2016

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Vance Day, Treasurer Oregon Republican Party 570 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301

Response Due Date: November 14, 2003

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Identification Number: C00153031

Reference:

March Monthly Report (2/1/03-2/28/03)

Dear Mr. Day:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

- -Your calculations for Line 8, Columns A and B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose this amount(s) to be \$13,956.19 and \$24,237.87, respectively. Please provide the corrected total(s) on the Summary Page.
- -On Schedule D of your previous report, you disclosed a debt(s) owed to "Systems Advanced Office." This obligation(s), however, has been omitted from this report. Please amend your report to include this debt(s) on Schedule D and Line 10 of the Summary Page. All debts and obligations must be disclosed until extinguished. 11 CFR §104.11
- -Your report discloses a payment(s) on Schedule D to "Electric Lightwave," which has not been recorded on a disbursement schedule. Debt payments must be reflected on Schedule B or H4 as well as on Schedule D. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5)(D)
- -On Schedule H1 of your report, you have checked an incorrect fixed percentage for your allocated federal and non-federal administrative, generic voter drive and exempt activity costs. The fixed percentage for these costs is based on whether a Presidential and/or a Senate candidate appear on the State's ballot. Please amend your report to include a

corrected Schedule H1 and note that a change in this ratio may make it necessary to repay your non-federal account for any overpayments that may have been made. While the Commission may take further legal action concerning any impermissible overpayments by the non-federal account, your prompt action will be taken into consideration. 11 CFR \$106.7(d)(2) and (3)

-On Schedule H3, you have disclosed the name of your non-federal account to be "Oregon 570 Liberty SE #200." Please amend your report to identify the full name of the non-federal account from which each transfer-in is made. 11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17

-Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$11,488.29 for salary and/or wages. Please be advised that pursuant to 11 CFR §300.33(c)(2), salaries and wages for employees who spend more than 25% of their compensated time in a given month on Federal election activity or activities in connection with a Federal election must not be allocated between or among federal and non-federal accounts. Rather, only federal funds may be used. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for this payment is not permissible and must be returned.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this improper allocation activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "already reported on previous report AD." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time to which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and

reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1135.

Sincerely,

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Campaign Finance Analyst Reports Analysis Division

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